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In re application of

R. David Rines

Serial No. 09/731,519

Art Unit: 2175

Filed: 12/06/2000

Examiner: Rinell, Samuel G.

For: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING DATA-BASE  
COMPILATION AND STORAGE, ACCESSING, COMPARING AND  
ANALYZING OF SCANNED GENETIC SPOT PATTERN IMAGES AND  
THE LIKE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The applicant has had to file this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in view of the Office refusal to enter Amendment B as allegedly requiring a new search after the final rejection of September 25, 2003.

Replying to said final rejection, please amend the application as follows: